

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A method for the output of text information via a display in a driver information system in a vehicle, the display having a predetermined display capacity, the extent of the information to be output being adapted to the capacity of the display, the text information or the information elements to be output, of which the text information is composed, being divided into at least two components each (prefix, body, and suffix), the information or information elements preferably being output to the full extent and an abbreviation being output for at least one component of an item of information or an information element to be output if the capacity of the display is not sufficient for output of the complete information or a complete unit of information, including at least one information element.
2. The method as recited in Claim 1, wherein each item of information or unit of information is preferably output to the full extent, and an abbreviation is output for at least one component of an item of information or a unit of information to be output if the capacity of the display is not sufficient for output of the complete information or the complete unit of information.
3. The method as recited in Claim 2, wherein each unit of information is displayed in a separate line of the display.
4. The method as recited in one of Claims 1 through 3, wherein if necessary, instead of the information component, the abbreviation is output for each of the

information components as a function of their importance for an understanding of the information.

5. The method as recited in one of the preceding claims, wherein when the information to be output is shortened by output of abbreviations for individual information components, preferably the body of the information or an information element is output in an unabbreviated form.
6. An information data medium (24) for universal use in driver information systems (2) for vehicles, the information systems being designed for output of text information via a display (25), it being possible for the output capacity of the display (25) to be different in different driver information systems (2), the information or information elements, of which the information is composed, being subdivided into at least two components each (prefix 2411, 2421, body 2412, 2422, suffix 2413, 2423), and, in addition, an abbreviation (2414, 2415, 2416; 2424, 2425, 2426) being stored on the data medium (24) for each component of each item of information or each information element for alternative output via the display (25).